and since when they are awaiting clearance; and

(b) what are the reasons for the delay and by when they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

Support price of cotton

2120. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has requested the Central Government to enhance the support price of cotton; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's response thereto and action so far taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra has requested for fixation of the guaranteed prices under the Cotton Monopoly procurement Scheme at Rs. 100 per quintal over the minimum support prices fixed by the Government of India for different varieties of cotton. As per information received from the Government of Maharashtra, advance bonus in addition to guaranteed prices is already being paid to the cotton growers as per provisions of the Maharashtra Raw Cotton (Procurement, Processing and Marketing) Act, 1971.

Import of duty free cotton by textile mills

2121. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have allowed textile mills to import duty free cotton;

(b) if so, what are the names of the textile mills, the quality of cotton imported by such mills and the loss of Government revenue due to duty-free import;

(c) what is the average price of imported cotton; and

(d) what are the reasons for permitting such import when an abundant indigenous supply is available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not airse.

Exemption of excise duty on corrugated boxes used for mangoes

2122. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Members of Parliament have written to the Central Government to exempt excise duty on corrugated boxes used for packing mangoes in Konkan area of Maharashtra as is done in the case of such packings for apples; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestion made by the Members of Parliament in this regard was examined by the Ministry. Having regard to revenue and other revelvant considerations, it was not found feasible to accept the suggestion.

Deployment of Armed Forces in States

2123. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government can deploy Armed Forces in any State without the concurrence of the State Government concerned; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Under the Constitution of India, there is no bar for deployment of armed forces of the Union in any State without its consent. The Government of India have however, not deployed any para-military forces like CRPF, BSF etc. in any State without its consent during the past more than a decade.

C.V.C. report 1986 regarding showing of favours to private parties in the issue of Import Licences, etc.

2124. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission has, in its report for the year 1986 reported that in the Commerce Ministry 36.25 per cent cases related to showing of favours to private parties in the issuance of import licences, etc., by abusing official position or by wilfully not following the prescribed procedure;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against the officials concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Central Vigilance Commission in its report for 1986 had analysed eighty cases received in the Commission pertaining to Ministry of Commerce including Ministry of Textiles, attached and subordinate offices, Public Sector Undertakings and autonomous organisations and had found 29 cases involving alleged showing favours to Private parties. Bulk of the cases related to National Textile Corporation of India Ltd. and Import & Export Trade Control Organisation. In 6 cases allegations could not be substantiated. Penalties as advised by CVC has been issued as per advice. In remaining cases also departmental action has been taken as per advice. Other suggestions given by the Commission with the object to eliminate such cases have also been implemented.

Irregularities in assessment cases

2125. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the report of the Central Vigilance Commission for the year 1986;

(b) whether it has been reported in the report that in the Income Tax Department a large number of the cases relate to irregularities in assessment; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what measures have been taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per prescribed procedure, 91 cases of misconducts relating to officers of Income-tax department were referred to Central Vigilance Commission for advice. On analysis, the Central Vigilance Commission found that 40 per cent of these cases related to irregularities in completion of assessments. Income-tax department has got a strength of 61,000 officers and staff. In the relevant year they made 5.9 million assessments. It will thus be seen that the number of irregularities in assessments is not large.

The irregularities pertain mainly to capital build up cases. The Deptt. has implemented the recommendations of Central Vigilance Commission in